

THE TIDE IS AT ITS FLOOD

Virginia Beach Has Gayest Season in its History.

MANY RICHMOND FACES

Picnic Party Goes to Cape Henry and Enjoys Feast in Open Air—Euchre Parties Are Much Enjoyed.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) VIRGINIA BEACH, August 1.—The tide of pleasure-seekers is at its flood at Virginia Beach.

Hotels and cottages are overflowing and habitués of the resort pronounce it the most brilliant season in its history. One sees Richmond faces on every porch and in every group of bathers.

Among the many are Mrs. W. S. P. Mayo, Miss Mildred Irving Hill, Misses Jennie and Fannie Bland, Misses Mary and Evelyn Hill, at Ocean Wave cottage; Messrs. William Lightfoot, Beverly Tucker, Randolph and George Harrison, at the Princess Anne.

Miss Bertie Christian is spending several weeks with the Misses Townsend. Judge Waddill and daughters are entertaining a charming house party at their pretty cottage.

One of the unique entertainments of the week was a picnic party, which was held in honor of Mrs. W. N. Ragland, of Radford, Va., and other guests of the "Ocean Wave." The party of twenty-five embarked by trolley for Cape Henry, where dancing in the pavilion, a magnificent view from the summit of the lighthouse, and best of all, a slide down the mammoth sandhill, were much enjoyed. Taking the trolley again the picnic ground was reached, and between moon and sun a delightful supper was enjoyed, at which the famous shell fish, washed on the sand, was the "king dish" of the menu. In honor of her brother, Arthur, Miss Margaret King entertained his young friends at a delightful tea on Saturday afternoon. Miss King was assisted in receiving by Miss Elizabeth Pickett, of Norfolk. The guests of the occasion were the Misses Anna and Rebecca Wood and Frank Wood, of Edenton, N. C.; Miss Mary Maxwell Higgins, of Baltimore; Miss Lavinia Ragland, of Radford, and Herbert Tucker, of Richmond.

EUCHRE CLUB.
One of the most notable functions of the week was a meeting of the Seven-Hand Euchre Club with Mrs. Allen Merriam Cook, who has taken a charming cottage for the season. Those participating were Mrs. James Y. Leigh, Mrs. Stevenson, Mrs. Ida Gordon, Mrs. A. C. Freeman, Miss Elizabeth Freeman, Mrs. George Pollard, Mrs. A. M. Cook, of Norfolk, and Mrs. Carr, of Washington. A very large card party was given in Mrs. George Pollard's cottage Tuesday morning.

There were nine tables and three prizes, which were won by Mrs. Pollard and Mrs. Peade. Miss Kate receiving consolation in the shape of a pair of bathing hose. Those playing were Miss Virgie Slater, Miss Batesmade, Miss Kate, Mrs. Kuriz, Miss Pannell, Miss Thornton, Mrs. Peade, Mrs. Gordon, Miss Cook, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Greenwood, Miss Thornton, Miss Nephew, Miss Freeman, Mrs. Whyte, Mrs. Newton, Mrs. Farrell, Miss Thompson, Miss Merritt, Mrs. Clay, Miss Grey, Mrs. Slater, Mrs. Cook, Miss Fitzhugh, Miss Marlow, Mrs. Perry, Mrs. Leigh, Miss Pannell, Mr. Crome and Mr. Hunter.

WATERMELON FEAST.
A starlight watermelon feast, arranged by a party of Richmond gentlemen, was given on the veranda of Mrs. Allen M. Cook's cottage on Tuesday evening. The hosts were Messrs. William Lightfoot, Beverly Tucker, Randolph and George Harrison, and Mr. Beverly. The guests of the occasion were the Misses McClellan, Dawson, Van Ammon and Bachelor, of Washington; Misses Mary and Nannie Waddell and Miss Sands, of Richmond; Miss Elizabeth Freeman and Miss Jane Myers, of Norfolk; Lieutenant Rhea, United States navy; Messrs. Johns and McCreary, of Washington; Messrs. Saye and Carr, of Norfolk. Miss Mary V. Jazars, of City Point, is spending a month at the beach. Miss Alice Doyle, of Richmond, is here for two weeks. Mr. W. P. Augustine, of Richmond, is at the Pithguth cottage.

FREDERICKSBURG NEWS

No Opposition to Hon. Henry T. Wickham Has Developed.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
FREDERICKSBURG, Va., August 1.—The chairman of the Democratic County Committee of Charles, Hanover and King William counties have joined in a call for a primary election to be held September next, to name a Democratic candidate for the Thirty-second Senatorial District, composed of those counties. It is not supposed that Hon. Henry T. Wickham, the present senator, will have

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any opposition, in which case he will be declared the nominee. All the machinery of the Eagle Shoe Company's plant, in this city, has been shipped to Newport News to be placed in the new factory there. Miss Lydia Thompson, who was painfully scalded in the face while stewing apples, is somewhat improved. The ten days protracted meeting at Shady Grove Church, in Spotsylvania county, conducted by Rev. B. A. Spencer, has closed with an addition of six names to the membership. The fruit crop in this section is turning out far better than was expected, and many shipments of fine peaches are being made at satisfactory prices. Mrs. John T. Goolrick has gone to Bedford City, where she will spend some time. Mrs. A. D. Alexander and daughter, of Urbanna, who has been visiting Captain S. J. Quinn and family have returned home. Former Richmonders Here. Mr. Wilton G. Wharton, formerly of Richmond, but now of New York city, is here visiting relatives. He is accompanied by his wife and two sons, Masters John and Wilton Wharton, Jr.

APPOMATAOX DIVERSION

Land Necessary for Scheme Has Been Secured.

WORK MAY BEGIN SHORTLY

People Are Anxious that Plans Be Speedily Executed—Engineer in Charge Expected in Petersburg—Personal Mention.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) PETERSBURG, Va., August 1.—All the land necessary to be used in connection with the proposed improvement of Appomattox River at this city has been secured. The total cost of the property is \$5,000, or \$1,000 more than the estimate of the United States engineers in charge of the matter. No definite progress beyond securing the land has been made recently in the diversion plans. The engineer in charge is expected in Petersburg within a few days, and doubtless something tangible will develop in the conference of the committee with him.

Just opposite the city a considerable tract of land will be purchased in connection with the improvement, and a little apprehension has existed in the minds of some of the citizens that the city or county would be unable to exercise any jurisdiction over this property, on which places might be built and conducted to the disadvantage of the morals of the county. This could hardly be done, since the land would be purchased by the government, which, in that case, would be a land owner, and the jurisdiction would remain with the county, and not be lost, as it would be if the property were ceded to the government and become a reservation. This matter will be investigated thoroughly, however, before any definite action is taken. All danger from this source can be easily eliminated by the city becoming the owner of the land, leasing it for long periods to the United States Government. The citizens generally are eager to see work begin on the improvement, and doubtless by the beginning of another year everything will be ready for the start.

PERSONALS.

Miss Page Nichols is visiting in Henderson, N. C. Mrs. A. E. Jackson, of Oxford, N. C., is visiting her niece, Mrs. Jessie T. Hogwood, of this city. Mrs. P. S. Pugh is spending a few weeks in Winston-Salem, N. C. Miss Alice Collier and Mr. Wallace Collier have gone to Philadelphia and Atlantic City. Miss Kate Allen's soiree will be given in the chorus hall at the Academy of Music this evening. Miss Lee Booth, who has been spending a few weeks at Virginia Beach, has returned home. Mrs. Ludie Bernard and Miss Mary Meade are spending the summer at Lexington, Va. Mr. and Mrs. John McGill and Miss Marie McGill will leave next week for the White Sulphur Springs. Mrs. Montgomery Bird is spending a few weeks at the home of her parents on Hinton Street. Miss Helen Stronach, of Raleigh, N. C., is the guest of Miss Nan Jones, on Harrison Street. Miss Helen Lathrop, of Richmond, and the Misses Leah and Buckville, are visiting Miss Mary Friend on Franklin Street. Mrs. John C. Armistead, who has been on a visit to friends in Petersburg, left to-day for Norfolk on her return to Baltimore. Mr. C. C. Alley has just returned home from a delightful visit in the Adirondack Mountains in New York and Canada. Mrs. Prieto, wife of Rev. A. J. Prieto, is visiting in Petersburg. Mr. Prieto, who was at one time pastor of Second Baptist Church in this city, is now the pastor of the Baptist Church at Portsmouth, Va.

Revenue Collections.

The collections of internal revenue for the entire Second District of Virginia, with the report from Norfolk included, aggregates the sum of \$22,701.33. This is a handsome increase over the collections for July, 1902. The total sales of stamps, postal cards, envelopes and wrappers and revenue from every source of the Richmond postoffice for the month of July, 1903, aggregated the sum of \$28,714.91, compared with \$27,228.55, an increase of \$1,486.36 or at this ratio, an increase for a year of nearly \$18,000. "That shows that the postoffice business has not fallen off during the strike," said Postmaster Knight. The increase for the month alone will more than pay for all the improvements in the office.

Dr. Holderby to Preach.

Rev. A. R. Holderby, D. D., of Atlanta, Ga., a widely-known Presbyterian minister of that State, is in the city and will preach to-day at 11 A. M. at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, on Grove Avenue. Dr. Holderby is well known in this city and State, and was for several years pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Ashland, where he was greatly beloved. He is the guest, while in the city, of his son, Mr. A. R. Holderby, Jr.

THALHIMER'S REMODELING SALE

Prices Ripped and Slashed as Never Before. Wash Goods Must Go.

25c. Figured French Organdies for.....16 2-3c.
50c. Dotted Swisses now, yard.....25c.
25c. Corded Madras now.....12 1-2c.
All 12 1-2c. Figured and Striped Lawns for, yard.....8 1-3c.
12 1-2c. Persian Striped Lawns for, yard.....5c.

Percales, 8 1-3c Yard.
Best Windsor Percales, regular 12 1-2c. value, now, 8 1-3c yard

Ginghams, 7 3-4c Yard.
12 1-2c. Dress Ginghams, in beautiful patterns, this week, yard.....7 3-4c

32-inch Suitings, 8 1-3c Yard.
32-inch Madras Suitings, something nice for shirt-waist suits, never sold for less than 12 1-2c., now, yard.....8 1-3c

More Sensational Offers in Men's Furnishings.

25c. Leather Belts, each 15c. and 19c.
50c. Leather Belts, each 35c.
50c. Fancy Neckwear, each 30c.
25c. Fancy Four-in-Hands, each 21c.
12 1-2c. and 15c. Fancy Socks, per pair.....9c
50c. Black Lace Socks, pair 25c.
50c. Neat Effect Negligee Shirts, for 25c. and.....42c
\$1 Columbia and Faultless 69c
Shirts for.....25c
50c. Balbriggan Long-Sleeve 25c
Shirts.....
\$1 White Lisle Shirts 50c.
25c. Suspenders, 15c.
25c. Cable Ties, 13c.
50c. Boys' Waists, "Mother's 35c
Friend".....
25c. Boys' Overalls for 19c.

TO HOLD A GREAT MEN'S MEETING TO-DAY



REV. DR. L. W. MUNHALL.

Rev. Dr. L. W. Munhall is one of the most prominent and popular orthodox evangelists of the age. His home is in the city of Brotherly Love, but his clarion voice has been heard and his eloquence captivated large audiences in all parts of our land. There may be, and doubtless are, "wild fire" evangelists, but Dr. Munhall in his personality and methods is as far removed from such a class as the east is from the west. His style is argumentative. He discusses his subjects in a thoroughly logical and enterprising manner, and seeks to lodge conviction of truth rather than to play on the emotions. There is nothing sensational in his sermons, and local, political and social conditions are not touched upon. Dr. Munhall has preached in the first churches of the land, and he is a personal friend of hundreds of the foremost ministers of the several Protestant churches from the Lakes to the Gulf, and from the Atlantic to the Pacific. He is a profound scholar, and in his widely known in the world of letters by his pen productions as his fame as a platform speaker is extensive.

Dr. Munhall is sixty years old and has been in the evangelistic work thirty-four years. He has traveled an average of 30,000 miles a year. He was actively identified in the organization of the Railway Y. M. C. A. work, and has been a valuable ally ever since; for many years the State secretary of Indiana and a member of the International Committee. He is an author of considerable note.

THE MYSTERY HAS BEEN CLEARED UP

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) NORFOLK, Va., August 1.—The Wetzel suicide letter mystery was cleared here to-day. The letter found at the Bay Line docks, which committed suicide Maud Wetzel, who committed suicide here three days ago. Her husband, Fred Wetzel, who works at the navy yard, explains that his wife wrote two letters announcing her intentions to commit suicide and then died from poison. The letter found in the pocket of a coat which was not recovered. Mrs. Wetzel was Maud Lillian Vandeleil, of Savannah, Ga., aged twenty-one, when married here June 7, 1900. In her letter she announced that she

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Entire Second Floor to be Remodeled and Converted into Ready-Made Department. **Sweeping Wash Suit Reductions to Effect a Quick Clearance.**
Chambray and Madras Suits, former prices \$2.48 and \$2.98, reduced to.....\$1.50
Madras Suits, tucked waists and kilted skirts, \$5.00 suits, reduced to.....\$3.48
Heavy White Basket Weave Madras Suits, tucked waists, walking skirts, \$7.48 suits, reduced to.....\$4.98
White Linen Suits, broad tucked waists, side-plaited skirts, \$10.00 suits, reduced to.....\$7.48
\$17.50 and \$15.00 Irish Linen Suits, hand-embroidered and trimmed with Cluny lace, reduced to.....\$10.00

Good Skirt Bargains.
Irish Linen Skirts, trimmed with embroidery or Cluny lace, \$7.48 Skirts, reduced to.....\$5.00
\$5.00 Skirts reduced to.....\$3.98
\$3.98 Linen Skirts reduced to.....\$2.98

Bathing Suits Cheap.
Pretty Mohair Suits, black and navy, trimmed with white braid, \$2.48 Suits, now.....\$1.48
Better grade Mohair Suits, large sailor collar and shield, jauntily trimmed, \$3.48 Suits, now.....\$2.48
Best quality Mohair Suits, fancy collars, shaped skirts, generously trimmed, \$5.00 and \$5.98 Suits, reduced to.....\$3.48

Silk Waist Reductions.
White China, Silk Waists, tucked, hemstitched, trimmed with Cluny or Val. lace, at a sacrifice—
\$2.98 Waists reduced to.....\$2.00
\$3.48 Waists reduced to.....\$2.48
\$4.98 Waists reduced to.....\$3.48
\$7.48 and \$6.48 Waists reduced to.....\$4.98

White Goods Bargains.
12 1-2c. Striped Madras, 36 inches wide, for, yard.....10c.
12 1-2c. Leno Stripe, very sheer, for, yard.....8 1-3c.
20c. P. K., in Corduroy Welt, for, yard.....15c.
28-inch Oxford, heavily mercerized, for, yard.....12 1-2c.

CONCERTS IN THE PARKS THIS WEEK

The Programme Prepared to Delight the People of Richmond.

1. March, "American," Louis Ganne.
 2. Overture, "Banditenstreich," Suppe.
 3. Clarinet solo, "Il Carnevale di Venezia," Bassi.
 4. (a) "Evening Star," from "Tannhauser," Wagner.
 5. (b) "Pillgrims Chorus," from "Tannhauser" (by request).....Wagner.
 6. Harry von Tiler's new hits, introducing Chocolate Drops, Mary Dear, Bamboo Queen, On a Sunday Afternoon, the Mansion of Aching Hearts, Loo-Loo-Lo-Loo-Lo, Lovely Girls; arranged by M. F. Smith.
 7. Gems from "Lucia di Lammermoor" (by request).....Donizetti.
 8. Selection from Musical Comedy, "King of the Ritz," Fley and Luder.
 9. Paraphrase on Dr. L. Mason's "Near-My God, to Thee".....Langey.
 10. Waltz, "Espana," Waldenfeld.
 11. March and Two-Step, "Starline in Georgia".....Camp.
 12. Star Spangled Banner and Dixie.
- Monday—Chimborazo Park, 8:30 to 10:30 P. M.
Tuesday—Jefferson Park, 8:30 to 10:30 P. M.
Wednesday—Gamble's Hill Park, 8:30 to 10:30 P. M.
Thursday—Monroe Square, 8:30 to 10:30 P. M.
Friday—Libby Hill Park, 8:30 to 10:30 P. M.
Saturday—Reservoir Park, 8:30 to 7:30 P. M.

Services at Park Place.
Rev. John T. Boeman, pastor of Park Place Methodist Church, has arranged for the city and will fill his pulpit this morning. There will be no services at night.

Gone to Canada.
Mrs. S. McGuire and Baskerville Bridgeforth left yesterday for a few weeks' stay in Canada.

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WEIL & SHERE TO GIVE UP FORD'S

At the expiration of their lease on September 30th, Messrs. Weil & Shere, the present lessees of New Ford's Hotel, will give up that property. It is not known what the gentlemen will do, as they do not care to discuss their future plans, but it is certain that they will not continue in their present business at Ford's after September 30th. The hotel will be remodeled and leased to some one else by Mr. Edgar Allan as a special commissioner, under order of the Chancery Court, in whose hands the property is now held in trust. Messrs. Weil & Shere are popular hotel men, having Ford's Hotel, not to exceed \$6,000. Mr. Allan is also directed in the order to rent the property out for a term of years, the lease of the present occupants expiring on September 30th.

Repair New Ford's.
In the Chancery Court yesterday an order was entered by Judge Grinnam, naming Mr. Edgar Allan a special commissioner to have repairs made to New Ford's Hotel, not to exceed \$6,000. Mr. Allan is also directed in the order to rent the property out for a term of years, the lease of the present occupants expiring on September 30th.

Judgment Rendered.
Judgment was rendered in the Law and Equity Court yesterday against S. J. Dickinson in favor of J. W. Sargent for \$75.

The Jury.
The jury, as reported by Judge Ingram out.....

IRON BEDS!

Our last week's sale of Chairs was larger than we had any idea it would be, and to keep the good work up we are going to sell Iron Beds (all including springs) this week at greatly reduced prices. These beds will be in our large show window, all marked in plain figures. Look in the window as you pass by!

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